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SUBJECT: LOS: COMMITTEE II-NEGOTIATING GROUP III (CONTINENTAL SHELF)

1. NEGOTIATING GROUP (NG) III CONCLUDED GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE DELIMITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND REVENUE SHARING FROM MINERAL RESOURCES BEYOND 200 MILES. THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED, AND THE NG ACCEPTED, THAT A SMALLER GROUP OF INTERESTED STATES BE FORMED TO FURTHER NEGOTIATE BOTH QUESTIONS, ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THE SMALL GROUP ESTABLISHED ON THE RIGHT OF ACCESS OF LL/GDS STATES TO THE SEA. (THE SMALLER GROUP WILL INCLUDE THE US.) THE CHAIRMAN WILL PREPARE AND PUT BEFORE THE GROUP ON FRIDAY A TIMETABLE FOR CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS OTHER THAN THE SO-CALLED QUOTE PRIORITY ISSUES UNQUOTE.

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2. SEVERAL STATES IN THE EC-9 (UK, FRANCE, FRG,

IRELAND) INDICATED SUPPORT FOR THE IRISH PROPOSAL FOR THE DELIMITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN WITH VARYING DEGREES OF ENTHUSIASM. THE UK AND FRG MADE MENTION OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR REVENUE SHARING. THE FRG INDICATED THAT THE EC-9 POLICY OF EQUAL ACCESS TO RESOURCES PERMITTED THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF BROAD MARGIN APPROACH.

3. USSR CHARACTERIZED THEIR POSITION ON DELIMITATION OF CONTINENTAL SHELF AS QUOTE FLEXIBLE UNQUOTE, INDICATING THAT THEY COULD ABANDON THEIR LONG-HELD 200 MILE/500 METER POSITION. THE USSR DID, HOWEVER, RESERVE THEIR RIGHT TO CLARIFY FURTHER THEIR POSITION IN THE FUTURE. NOTABLY, USSR SUPPORTED REVENUE SHARING IN THE AREA BEYOND 200 MILES FOR THE FIRST TIME, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT A PORTION OF THE REVENUES ACCRUED BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE LL/GDS. THE SOVIETS REJECTED THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL OF A BOUNDARY COMMISSION, ON THE GROUNDS THAT AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SHOULD NOT HAVE THE POWER TO ACCEPT OR REJECT LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY A COASTAL STATE. THEY FURTHER STATED THAT ISRA SHOULD HAVE NO ROLE WITHIN NATIONAL JURISDICTION (ART. 70(4)).

4. THE CANADIANS MADE SEVERAL INTERVENTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION, AND RECEIVED A MIXED REACTION.

5. ROK SUPPORTED A BROAD MARGIN SOLUTION PLUS REVENUE SHARING AND WAS SYMPATHETIC TO IRISH FORMULA. THEY ARE OPEN-MINDED ON BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

6. SINGAPORE, SWITZERLAND AND NIGERIA SUPPORTED LL/GDS POSITION BUT INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE.
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